

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes July 08, 2015

Meeting held at the Charlotte County Historical Center at Grace Street Annex

Committee Members

Sue Blackwell (57/76)
Emma-Lou Craig (7/9)
Michael Haymans (33/59)
Carol Leonard (4/4)
Dianne Munson (10/17)
Gene Murtha (3/3)
Larry Peck(13/17)
Scot Shively (69/72)

Present

Michael Haymans
Carol Leonard
Dianne Munson
Gene Murtha
Scot Shively

Not Present

Sue Blackwell
Emma-Lou Craig
Larry Peck

BoCC Liaison:

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Guests

Joseph Blais-Friends of the Englewood
Archives
Debi Allen – DAR (P.C)
Melissa Othon –DAR (P.C)

Staff

Jackie Brown, Historian
Jackie Anderson, Programs Assistant
Lanette Hart, Manager Libraries & History

9:05 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call – Larry Peck and Emma- Lou Craig they both have excused absences. Sue Blackwell has an unexcused absence. **The June meeting minutes were approved unanimously.**

Old Business – Focus Groups and Public meetings are complete. Discussed how to get more publicity within the community and to have the public come to various meetings and events, also talked about the times of the events. There is always something to do in the county. Citizens pick and choose what they want to do.

HAC Vacancy – El Jobean area still open; James Marshall, previous representative, has been invited to rejoin. Second candidate is Pat Spence of El Jobean Community League. Carol Leonard's term expires in September.

New Business – The Long Range Plan is due to the county at the end of August. Scot Shively and Carol Leonard are seeking re-appointment to the Historical Advisory Committee they will turn in their paper work in at the August meeting. Also the Chair and Vice Chair positions will be selected. Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch is in the process of recruiting Pat Spence and James Marshall to represent El Jobean Community League.

Historical Development/Reviews –

- 3681 Tamiami Trail, fence teardown, historical buffer
- 5294 Swaying Palm, Punta Gorda, addition to MH, historical buffer
- 1055 2nd St. East, Englewood, pool & spa, historical buffer—**released with caution (disturbing earth, unanticipated findings)**

Historical Staff report – Stars and Stripes program at Bayshore Park was attended by 28 Adults and 21 Children, Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch was in attendance. Working on ways to get the community to get up and get active with a historical markers tour with QR codes on the markers, geocaching, and questing, more information is to come. July 15th through August 3rd the Charlotte County Historical Center Conference Room will be closed for exhibit mounting. Starting in January Jackie Brown will be starting

"The History Geek" it will be a set up as a round table and be formatted as informal way for the public to meet the Charlotte County Historian. Topics will vary depending on who attends.

Upcoming programs:

- *Adventures in Time* July 21 10:30 am to 11:30 am at MCRL
- *The Voting Rights Act* August 6 2 pm to 3 pm at MCRL
- *Our Greatest Generation: the Punta Gorda Army Air Field* travelling exhibit Opening at MCRL August 10 10:30 am in fiction section
- *The Fighting Bailey Brothers* August 11 10 am to 11 am at Grace St
- Marker Dedication PG AAF August 14 10 am at PG Airport

Archives – The Punta Gorda Herald collection has been completed, in the process of being uploaded into PastPerfect. A refrigerator for the preservation of photographs is being delivered to the archives. The refrigerator was sponsored by SEM and will use the left over moneys for data loggers.

Historical Markers – The PG Army Airfield marker has been ordered, dedication tentatively scheduled for August 14, 10 a.m., to coincide with opening of exhibit at MCRL. Jackie Brown and Scot Shively are setting up a time to meet with Airport Authority for placement of the marker. Discussed having a mini marker for the Hickory Bluff Cemetery Marker, a sponsor would pay for the marker, fill out the application, and do the research. A small committee would pick / vote on what the text would say. When considering placement it should be on public land so visitors can pull over and be able to read the marker. Locations in Port Charlotte are being looked into, such as the Dairy Queen.

Citizen Input –

Melissa Othon, Member of DAR in Port Charlotte is the Den Mother for Cub Scout Troop and pack 351. They would like to help out at the Hickory Bluff Cemetery restoration and volunteer at other events. The troop members are versed in color guard.

Joseph Blais- Disappointed with the attendance at the Public Workshops. Posed the question "How do we get the word out to the public about what is going on in the county?" Thinks "Public Input" sounds off putting. Also had a question about how to name a building after a family in Englewood.

Member Input and Announcements –

- Carol Leonard – Attended the Coalition Meeting of Regional Historical groups.
- Gene Murtha -.During the first week of December there will be a festival. Trying to get other organizations to join. There will be a chess tournament the first Saturday.

Adjournment – 10:35 am

Next HAC Meeting:- 9 A.M., Wednesday, August 12, 2015, to be held at the Grace Street Annex, 514 East Grace Street, Punta Gorda FL, 33950

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Commissioner Bill Truex,

Commissioner Christopher Constance

Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.